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Project Opportunities at Biosphere 2 Call for Proposals

Input from the international scientific community is being solicited to develop the programmatic thrust of the new B2 Institute at Biosphere 2. With this announcement, the B2 Institute Steering Committee is calling for program proposals in areas of scientific "Grand Challenges" where interdisciplinary activities, broadly defined, can result in significant progress or indicate new directions for progress on the major scientific questions of our day.

Proposals can be for programs and/or workshops which last from a few days to several months. Programs will be selected on the basis of their intellectual significance, timeliness, and opportunities for progress. The broader societal impact of the activity will be an important factor in selection.

There is no deadline for submission of proposals. Proposals will be considered by the B2 Institute Steering Committee and its International Advisory Board immediately following submission. Pre-proposal submissions consist of a working title, suggestions for program organizers and participants, and a brief description of the program and how it supports the mission of the Institute.

The B2 Institute organizes and hosts programs directed at the intensive study of scientific Grand Challenges in the natural sciences and related interdisciplinary areas. Building upon The University of Arizona's reputation as a trailblazer in interdisciplinary research, the B2 Institute serves as a center for research, outreach, teaching and life-long learning about Earth, its living systems, and its place in the universe. The goal of the B2 institute is to create extended programs and shorter, broadly attended conferences, as well as summer and winter schools for graduate students and postdoctoral fellows.

The B2 Institute also carries out significant outreach activities, including public lectures and teacher education days, and builds bridges via artist- and journalist-in-residence programs, art exhibits, and performing arts events.

Contact Pierre Meystre, B2 Institute Director at (520) 621-4651 or meystre@b2science.org for additional information. Visit B2institute.org and click on the Call for Proposals promo.

